

WHY DENVER IN 2008?



Top Ten Reasons To Have a Worldcon in Denver in 2008:

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✱ **Brew Pubs Out The Wazoo** – The first permanent structure in Denver was a saloon, so it's no surprise that this is a city that still appreciates a good beer. The Breckenridge Brewery, Rock Bottom Brewery, and Wynkoop Brewery are only a sampling of the several brew pubs located in downtown Denver.

✱ **Attend a Convention in an Imperial Battle Cruiser!**
Well, okay, maybe not, but local fans have noticed an odd similarity between the façade of the newly-expanded Colorado Convention Center and ships from a certain space epic. The Convention Center contains 200,000 square feet of glass, 16,000 tons of steel, and has 2.2 million square feet of convention and meeting space. A parking structure adjacent to the Convention Center provides convenient access at competitive rates.

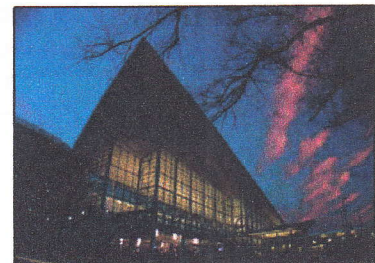


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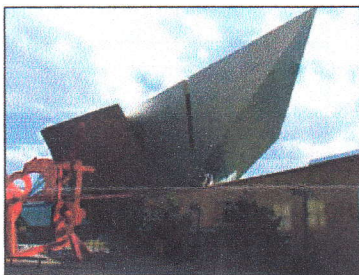


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✱ **Lots Of Shiny Things!** The dome of the State Capitol Building is covered with 200 ounces of pure gold. And just down the street, the U. S. Mint churns out over five billion coins every year, as well as housing the second largest storehouse of gold bullion in the U.S.

✱ **Zany Architecture** – What with the Denver Art Museum, Denver Public Library, and the new Convention Center, Denver is becoming a haven for zany architecture. The Frederic C. Hamilton wing of the Denver Art Museum (left) is scheduled to open in October 2006, offering an additional 50,000 square feet of exhibit space as well as an auditorium.

✱ **The 16th Street Mall** – Downtown Denver's sidewalks no longer roll up at dusk. Just two short blocks away from the Convention Center, the 16th Street Mall is a mile-long pedestrian mall with dozens of restaurants, brewpubs, and night spots, as well as shopping and entertainment venues.

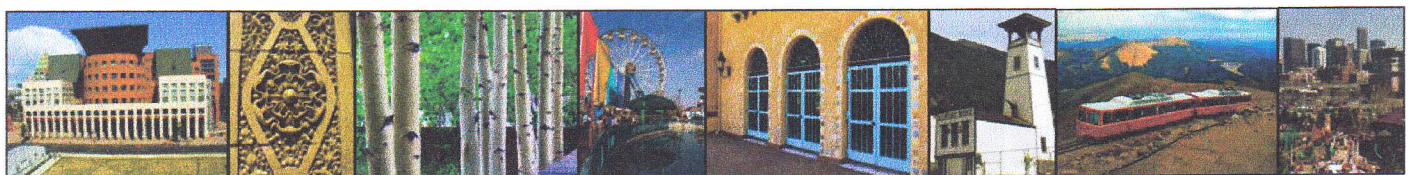
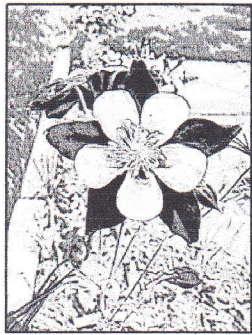


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At the nearby Denver Pavilions, you can visit the Hard Rock Café, take in a movie, or go bowling. Best of all, a **free shuttle bus** runs the length of the mall, making it easy to access almost all of downtown.

* **A Mile-Long Wi-Fi Zone!** – That's right, the entire 16th Street Mall is now a free Wi-Fi zone! Relax, enjoy the sunny days, and people-watch while you catch up on your e-mail.

* **LoDo** – And if the 16th Street Mall isn't enough for you, Lower Downtown, or LoDo, also accessible via the free Mall Shuttle, has even more restaurants, bars and brew pubs, not to mention Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies. (Oh, and there's yet another brew pub *inside* the ballpark!) LoDo is also the home of historic Union Station, providing easy access to Amtrak rail lines.

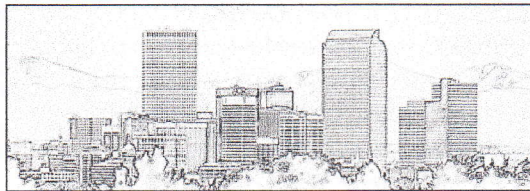


* **A Really Big Bookstore** – The Tattered Cover Bookstore, one of the largest independent bookstores in the U.S., has taken up residence in its new location, a former theater not far from downtown. In addition to a large and eclectic book selection, The Tattered Cover regularly hosts author signings and other book-related events.

* **Mountains, Mountains, Mountains** – When you're ready for a break from the hustle and bustle of city life, the glorious Rocky Mountains, with more than fifty peaks over 14,000 feet, are just a short drive away. Destinations such as Vail, Aspen, Estes Park, Pike's Peak, Royal Gorge, Central City, and Rocky Mountain National Park are all within an easy drive. Recreation opportunities

abound, including hiking, mountain biking, fishing, camping, scenic drives, and hot springs. Ride the Georgetown Loop Railway, or take in a concert at the Red Rocks Amphitheater. Just make sure to pack your sunscreen and water bottle!

* **Heinlein was here!** – Well, not *here*, exactly, but Robert A. Heinlein made his home in Colorado Springs, just an hour away. And while you're in Colorado Springs, you can also visit the summit of Pikes Peak (by car or cog railway), the Garden of the Gods, and Manitou Springs.

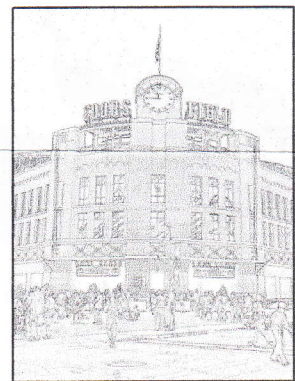


Need more reasons to come to Denver? There's so much to see and do in Denver that we couldn't stop at just ten. So try these on for size:

Downtown: Six Flags Elitch Gardens, Invesco Field (home of the NFL's Denver Broncos), Molly Brown House, Colorado History Museum.

Greater Denver Metro Area: Denver Zoo, Museum of Nature and Science, Wings Over The Rockies Air & Space Museum, Coors Brewery, Butterfly Pavilion, Celestial Seasonings Factory, Children's Museum, Denver Aquarium, Buffalo Bill's Grave (or one of them, anyway!).

Colorado: Mesa Verde National Park, Great Sand Dunes & Dinosaur National Monuments, Air Force Academy, and herds of buffalo.



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